

(2) in subparagraph (B)—

(A) in clause (i) by striking “or” at the end;

(B) in clause (ii) by striking “and” at the end and inserting “or”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(iii) for not less than one academic year in a position in the field of education in a discipline related to the study supported by the program if the recipient demonstrates to the Secretary of Defense that no position is available in the departments, agencies, and offices covered by clauses (i) and (ii); and”.

SEC. 954. BOARD OF REGENTS FOR THE UNIFORMED SERVICES UNIVERSITY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES.

(a) REORGANIZATION AND AMENDMENT OF BOARD OF REGENTS PROVISIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 104 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 2113 the following new section:

“§ 2113a. Board of Regents

“(a) IN GENERAL.—To assist the Secretary of Defense in an advisory capacity, there is a Board of Regents of the University.

“(b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Board shall consist of—

“(1) nine persons outstanding in the fields of health and health education who shall be appointed from civilian life by the Secretary of Defense;

“(2) the Secretary of Defense, or his designee, who shall be an ex officio member;

“(3) the surgeons general of the uniformed services, who shall be ex officio members; and

“(4) the President of the University, who shall be a non-voting ex officio member.

“(c) TERM OF OFFICE.—The term of office of each member of the Board (other than ex officio members) shall be six years except that—

“(1) any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of such term; and

“(2) any member whose term of office has expired shall continue to serve until his successor is appointed.

“(d) CHAIRMAN.—One of the members of the Board (other than an ex officio member) shall be designated by the Secretary as Chairman. He shall be the presiding officer of the Board.

“(e) COMPENSATION.—Members of the Board (other than ex officio members) while attending conferences or meetings or while otherwise performing their duties as members shall be entitled to receive compensation at a rate to be fixed by the Secretary and shall also be entitled to receive an allowance for necessary travel expenses while so serving away from their place of residence.

“(f) MEETINGS.—The Board shall meet at least once a quarter.”.

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

(3) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(A) Section 2113 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(i) in subsection (a), by striking “To assist” and all that follows through the end of paragraph (4);

(ii) by striking subsections (b), (c), and (e);

(iii) by redesignating subsections (d), (f), (g), (h), (i), and (j) as subsections (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g), respectively; and

(iv) in subsection (b), as so redesignated, by striking “who shall also serve as a nonvoting ex officio member of the Board”.

(B) Section 2114(h) of such title is amended by striking “2113(h)” and inserting “2113(e)”.

(b) STATUTORY REDESIGNATION OF DEAN AS PRESIDENT.—

(1) Subsection 2113 of such title is further amended by striking “Dean” each place it appears in subsections (b) and (c)(1), as redesignated by subsection (a)(3), and inserting “President”.

(2) Section 2114(e) of such title is amended by striking “Dean” each place it appears in paragraphs (3) and (5).

SEC. 955. ESTABLISHMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SCHOOL OF NURSING.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT PLAN REQUIRED.—Not later than February 1, 2008, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a plan to establish a School of Nursing within the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. The Secretary shall develop the plan in consultation with the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and submit the plan to the Board of Regents for review and to solicit the Board's recommendations.

(b) PROGRAMS OF INSTRUCTION.—In consultation with the Secretaries of the military departments, the Secretary of Defense shall include in the plan required by subsection (a) programs of instruction for the School of Nursing that would lead to the award of a bachelor of science in nursing and such other baccalaureate or graduate degrees in nursing as the Secretary considers appropriate. The plan shall also address the enrollment as students of enlisted members and officers of the Armed Forces and civilians for the purpose of commissioning them as military nursing officers upon graduation. The graduates of such a program of instruction shall be fully eligible to meet credentialing and licensing requirements of the military departments and at least one State in their program of study.

(c) CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN PROGRAMS.—In developing the plan under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consider the inclusion of the following types of programs:

(1) A program to enroll students who already possess an associate degree in nursing so that they can earn a bachelor of science in nursing.

(2) A program to enroll students who already possess other associate degrees so that they can earn a bachelor of science in nursing.

(3) A program to enroll students who already possess an associate degree in nursing so that they can earn a master of science in nursing.